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THE OBSERVATOR.

On the acquitting of Dr. Sacheverell *in a Church, by* H——ns, *the* Iriſh *Prieſt, and deſiring the People to ſay* Amen. *On* Sacheverell's *Health drank in the Market at* Barnſtaple, *&c. On the diperſing of his Sermons and Anſwers to the Commons, by the Faction. On the Mob that huzza'd him when he went to, and came from his Tryal. On a Book entitl'd,* Reflexions on his Anſwer to the Articles of Impeachment.

From Saturday, February 25. to Wednesday, March 1. 1709.

Country-m. WELL, Maſter, have you heard the News that *Dr. Sacheverell* is acquitted?

Obſ. Acquitted, *Roger!* where and how?

Country-m. At a Church within a Mile of *White-Chappel*, by *H---ns*, the *Iriſh* Prieſt, who pretended to lay the Caſe and Sufferings of that good Man, as he call'd him, before the People, and out of the Pulpit order'd ſuch as wiſh'd him a happy Deliverance, to join with him in a loud *Amen:* And I can tell you farther, Maſter, that the reverend Mr. *Shute*, a worthy moderate Clergy-man, was kept out of the Pulpit, on Purpoſe to make Way for this High-Church *Zany* and Incendiary.

Obſ. Give the Faction Rope enough, and you know what will be the Conſequence, *Roger*. Such Practices would have coſt them their Heads in the late Reigns; the Tyranny of which they would fain bring upon us again. Tho' theſe Things are offenſive to all who wiſh well to our preſent Conſtitution in Church and State, and create them ſome Uneaſineſs for a while, I doubt not but they will have an Effect quite contrary to what the Faction deſign; for as good Laws have always proceeded from bad Manners, we have Reaſon to believe that our Legiſlature, who are not ignorant of thoſe Things, will think of an Act to ſtop ſuch ſeditious Practices, which I hear ſpread all over the Kingdom.

Country-m. I think it high Time, Maſter; for here's a Letter from *Farnſtaple* in *Devon*, that one *Hanks*, Serjeant to the Mayor of that Town, went into the Middle of the Market-Place on their Market-Day, with a Bottle in one Hand, and a Glaſs in t'other, and after three *O Yes's*, drank *Sacheverell*'s Health, and made ſeveral People pledge him; for which the Fellow being call'd in Queſtion, threatens to diſcover who 'twas that hir'd him to do ſo: And we hear from ſeveral other Places of the Country, that the Faction are become ſo inſolent, as after they have done with their Marketting, Country Fellows drink the above-mention'd Healths in Publick-Houſes, and inſult ſuch as will not pledge them; but thoſe falſe Heroes come frequently off by Weeping-Croſs, and go Home with broken Faces for their Pains. Nay, I hear, Maſter, that a Duel has been lately fought near *Briſtol* upon that Account, and one Man kill'd.

Obſ. The Authors of thoſe ſeditious Practices in the Country think themſelves authoriz'd ſufficiently, *Roger*, when they read *Dr. Sacheverell*'s Sermon preach'd before the chief Magiſtrate of our capital City in the Cathedral of St. *Paul*'s, ſee it come Abroad under the Patronage of his Name; and the Doctor inſiſt in his Anſwer, that he expreſs'd his good Liking of it, and requeſted it might be printed. And when they ſee his *Derby*-Sermon come Abroad with the Patronage of a Dedication to the High-Sheriff, and at the Requeſt of the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, the unthinking high-flying Mob, both in Town and Country, fancy they have Authority enough on their Side; beſides, the Faction have not been wanting to diſperſe both his Sermon and his Anſwers to the Articles of the Commons in greater Numbers thro' the Kingdom, than ever has been known on ſuch Occaſions. They ſpare neither Money nor Pains to ſpread the Poyſon, nor to bribe Hawkers and Mercuries to ſuppreſs and diſcourage ſuch Papers as are writ on Purpoſe to obviate the Miſchief. The high-flying Clergy will not frequent a Houſe where any of thoſe Papers are taken in, and by themſelves and Emiſſaries run 'em down every where, and perſwade Coffee-houſes, *&c.* to throw them out. Whereas too many of our Whigs are ſo narrow-ſoul'd, that they will not part with a Halfpenny to encourage any Paper for the Government; ſo that the Contagion ſpreads almoſt without Oppoſition, and the ignorant People ſeeing little or nothing but what's of one Side, are carry'd away with the Deluſion, and made to believe, that ere long they ſhall be depriv'd of their Churches and Common-Prayer-Books. This, together with the preſent Poverty, Decay of Trade, Dearth of Bread, and heavy Taxes that lie upon the Nation to carry on a juſt War, increaſes the Ferment, and may have fatal Conſequences, if not obviated in Time.

Country-m. I am perfectly of your Opinion, Maſter; for *Sacheverell*'s Anſwer to the Impeachment of the Commons, which were at firſt handed about privately in ſeveral Forms, and hugg'd by the Faction, becauſe they inſult our Legiſlature, are now avowedly printed and publiſh'd about Streets by themſelves, and t'other Day when he went to *Weſtminſter-hall*, in order to his Tryal, he did it in ſuch a Parade, and was huzza'd both going and coming by ſuch a raſcally Mob, as I never ſaw, Maſter. Thoſe who began it, were a Parcel of as Scoundrel Fellows as ever mounted the Black Guard, and run about the Coach, hollowing and waving their Hats like mad Men. This is ſuch an Inſult upon her Majeſty and both Houſes, as no Magiſtrates any where elſe would have ſuffer'd. 'Twas ſcandalous, Maſter, to allow a Parcel of Raggamuffins to run in ſuch a tumultuous Manner thro' the Streets, to incourage an Incendiary in the Face of her Majeſty's Guards, and thro' all the Avenues of her Palace at *White-hall*, to the very Gates of the Houſes of Parliament, as if they would threaten the Lords and Commons to proceed againſt the Criminal at their Peril. Had the Doctor and his Adviſers been either modeſt or loyal Subjects, they would have gone in a cloſe Coach, and not in ſuch an open Manner as to occaſion Riots and Tumults. At the ſame Time, I think it not much for the Honour of the Government of *Weſtminſter* to have ſuffer'd ſuch Riots to paſs unpuniſh'd. It might eaſily have been prevented at firſt, had the Conſtables taken up the Ring-Leaders, who were a Parcel of ragged Vagrants, lodg'd them in the Round-Houſes, and carry'd them before Juſtices of the Peace. It would have been one good Way to raiſe Recruits; neither the Number nor Countenance of

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those, Fellows was such, as to have occasion'd any Fear of Danger from doing Justice upon them; for the most clamorous of them look'd more like Black-Guards and Pick-Pockets, than any Thing else; and we may perceive by some of the publick Advertisements, that several of 'em were actually of that Sort. It was some Satisfaction to me however, Master, to see what a despicable Crew these High-Church *Catechumeni* were, and to hear substantial People going along the Streets about their Business, express their Dislike at such a rascally Tumult. Nay, even some of the very Mob that run after the Doctor for the Novelty of the Thing, as People do usually run after Monsters, cry'd out, that he deserv'd the severest Punishment; so that if the Constables had done their Duty, they needed not have wanted Assistance enough.

Obj. Tho' such Things be intollerable, *Roger*, yet since these Fellows were so despicable in all respects, it might not be so proper to take any Notice of 'em: Their Fury sooner spends it self, when it meets with no Opposition, than when it does. Let the Faction and their News-Writers spread the Noise of the Number and Nature of their Champions thro' the Kingdom, as no doubt they will, and let the News of it be sent to St. *Germains*, and *Versailles*, and eccho'd back to us by the *Paris Gazette*, every one who saw them, will be more convinc'd of the Desparateness of the *high-flying* Cause, than if no such Thing had happen'd. We know what Stories the Faction spread about, that the Terror of their Efforts would stop the Prosecution, that the Parliament durst not meddle with their seditious Ring-leader; that the Tryal would be put off, and the Doctor made a Bishop. We know what seditious Rhimes and Libels they hand about, and in whose Closets they say they have been lodg'd, to insinuate, that *Sacheverell*'s Prosecution was a *Preludium* to an Attack upon the Queen and the Crown, as that of Archbishop *Laud* was; reflecting at the same time upon the Address of the Commons in favour of the Reverend and Worthy Mr. *Hoadly*; and expressing their Hopes, that the Time would come when he should be impeach'd, and *Sacheverell* preferr'd. We know likewise, in what Churches the *Incendiary* has been pray'd for, as a Sufferer for the Church; and where some silly and ignorant Readers have taken upon them to condemn, in Coffee-Houses, the Sermon of Dr. *West*, and such other worthy, true Sons of the Church. But when *Sacheverell* comes to be uncas'd at his Tryal, the Sheep's Cloathing taken off, and the Wolf's Skin appears, the Mob will soon be undeceiv'd, and convinc'd, according to the Declaration of Her Majesty, and both Houses of Parliament, that *they who raise those Clamours of the Church's Danger, are the greatest Enemies to the Queen, the Nation, and the Church.* I have very good Information, *Roger*, that some of those Gentlemen who, perhaps, have been otherwise represented, and upon whom the Faction plac'd none of the least of their Hopes, condemn those Pulpit Incendiaries, as a Parcel of seditious, impertinent, and insignificant Fellows, and will concur as heartily as any Body, in a Bill to curb them: Nor, indeed, is it reasonable to think it should be otherwise; for no Man of Sense, who has the Honour to be a Member of Parliament, will ever allow the Legislature to be thus insulted; their Declarations openly contradicted by Pulpit Incendiaries, and seditious Scribblers; and the sovereign Judicature of the Nation threaten'd by Mobs.

Country-m. I wish the Tryal were over, and out, Master, that the Faction may appear in their proper Colours; for, I am satisfy'd, the People of *Great Britain* have such a steady and well-grounded Aversion to Popery and Tyranny, that they will never be deluded by the *high-flying* Party, when once the Disguise is pull'd off from them by the sovereign Powers; especially if it be thought necessary to assert our Constitution by a new Law. In the mean time, Master, I am mightily pleas'd with a Book lately publish'd by *B. Bragge*, intitl'd, *Reflections on Dr.* Sacheverell's *Answer to the Articles of Impeachment*; for, in my Opinion, it lays the Nakedness of his Defence so open, that no Body, who reads it, can be deceiv'd by his Answers, but must see that he is given up to a Spirit of Obstinacy and Falsehood; so that I hope it may be of very good Use to obviate the spreading of his Poyson, 'till it be effectually done by his Tryal, when publish'd by Authority.

Advertisements.

On Monday last was publish'd,

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☞ For some extraordinary Reasons, I shall defer the publishing my Weekly Paper 'till next Week, 'twill be entitl'd, Athenian News, or Dunton's Oracle, to be continu'd every Tuesday and Saturday in 3000 distinct Posts, entitl'd, The Post-Angel. The Philosophick-Post. The Courting-Post. The Secret-Post. The Rhiming-Post. The Whipping-Post. The Merry-Post. The Preaching-Post. The Fighting-Post. The Athenian-Post. The Wicked-Post. The Sick-Post. Dunton's Post. The Post-Pidgeon. The Whoring-Post. The Post-Denit; and so on to 3000 Posts, 30 of which compleat a Volume. To which will be added, An Emblem of the 30 Posts, to be given gratis to such who buy 'em Weekly. To each of these Posts will be added, The Casuistical-Post, resolving the most nice and curious Questions that are sent to the Sword in New-street near Fetter-lane. This Athenian News will be so manag'd, as to be made an universal Entertainment for the London Coffee-houses in Time of Peace; and that it may not over-charge the Coffee-houses, 'twill be only publish'd Tuesdays and Saturdays, as my Athenian-Mercury formerly was. To Numb. I. will be added, An honourable Challenge to the Interloper, or British-Apollo, shewing the Necessity and Justice of re-answering all the Questions he has yet publish'd, and rectifying fully a Mistake concerning Mr. H----- and Mr. P----. For a larger Account of this Weekly Project, consult my Answer to Dr. Sacheverell's Sermon, entitl'd, The Bull-baiting. John Dunton.

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